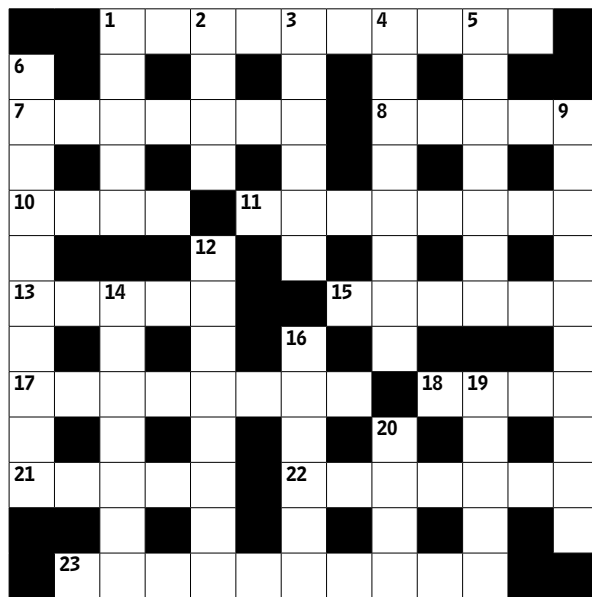


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ACROSS

- 1 Extensive (3,3,4)
- 7 Parvenu (7)
- 8 Beast of burden (5)
- 10 Coffin stand (4)
- 11 Affection (4,4)
- 13 Cog (5)
- 15 Handsome man (6)
- 17 Covert (8)
- 18 Political grouping (4)
- 21 Work dough (5)
- 22 Indian sage (7)
- 23 Hard facts (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Ditch (5)
- 2 Harvest (4)
- 3 Idea (6)
- 4 Affluent (4-2-2)
- 5 Expressionless (7)
- 6 Astounded (10)
- 9 Disruptive to the community (10)
- 12 Party game (8)
- 14 Last longer (7)
- 16 Witty remark (3,3)
- 19 Aquatic plant (5)
- 20 Fashionable (4)